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**BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

STB Finance Docket No. 30186 (Sub.-No.3)¹

**TONGUE RIVER RAILROAD COMPANY, INC.
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**PETITION OF TONGUE RIVER RAILROAD COMPANY, INC. FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME TO REPLY TO NORTHERN PLAINS RESOURCE COUNCIL AND MARK FIX'S
PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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¹ The Petition also embraces *Tongue River R.R.—Rail Construction and Operation—In Custer, Powder River and Rosebud Counties, MT*, STB Finance Docket 30186 (served May 9, 1986), and *Tongue River R.R. Company—Rail Construction and Operation—Ashland to Decker, MT*, STB Finance Docket No 30186 (Sub-No. 2) (served Dec. 1, 1997).

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Pursuant to 49 CFR § 1104.7, Tongue River Railroad Company, Inc. ("TRRC") hereby requests an extension of time to reply to the July 25, 2011 "Petitioner's Northern Plains Resource Council and Mark Fix's Petition for Reconsideration" ("Petition for Reconsideration"). Replies to the Petition for Reconsideration are currently due under the Board's rules, by August 15, 2011. TRRC requests an extension that would provide it with an additional 10 days to reply, or until August 25, 2011.

In support of this request, TRRC notes that one of the attorneys representing TRRC in this matter will be on a long-planned vacation for a substantial portion of the period between now and August 15. That fact, coupled with the press of other business, would make it very difficult for counsel to prepare and file a reply by August 15.

Petitioners should not be prejudiced by the brief delay requested here. Indeed, Petitioners have already delayed a decision regarding reconsideration by requesting and receiving a 20 day extension to file their Petition for Reconsideration.

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For all of these reasons, TRRC respectfully urges that this Petition be granted and that its reply to the Petition for Reconsideration should be due on August 25, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David H. Coburn", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 1st of August 2011, I have caused a copy of the foregoing
Petition for Extension to be served by first-class mail, postage prepaid, on counsel for the parties
of record in STB Finance Docket Nos. 30186, 30186 (Sub-No. 2), and 30186 (Sub No.3).



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